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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain, with light to high northerly winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

Fish Protector Reed's report, in the condensed form of the space at our command requires us to give it a most interesting and able digestion.

In another column Representative Nichols, of Benton County, pays his respects to the Oregonian in candid and doubtless well-meant fashion.

Though this is the true and right course of action, it is rarely followed as duty prescribes. In the way of confession, therefore, let us recall that the Oregonian has been talking about election of Senators by popular vote and about direct primaries for a long time.

Within the last two years the idea has gained currency that a law limited to its operation to certain counties is unconstitutional. The fact is that we have many such laws in continuous operation.

counties. The objection referred to is offered more in opposition to the desire of certain counties to be exempted from the operation of the proposed primary law.

NATIVE TROOPS FOR COLONIAL SERVICE. If we continue to hold the Philippines we shall, if we are wise, imitate the example of Great Britain and make large use of native troops.

INDEPENDENCE NOT FOR THE POPE. Archbishop Ireland's prediction in his recent sermon in Washington that at no remote day "the Italian people at Christendom's altar will give back to liberty" is not likely to be fulfilled.

Another plate-glass window on the East Side has been smashed by a rock thrown in the street today as it was fashioned by Napoleon's hand.

The man who does battle with his great strength against the lawless armed with a revolver, in defense of his month's earnings, challenges admiration for his fearlessness in defense of his rights.

The consensus of opinion among business men here is against the proposed Oriental Fair, providing the idea can be fully and sufficiently carried out.

At Carnegie Hall, New York, the Society of Ethical Culture listened to an address on "Confucius by the Chinese" delivered by the Chinese Minister to the United States.

The Vermont Legislature killed a bill prohibiting the granting of free passes to the Judges of the Supreme Court.

decade covered, or about the average increase of the entire country in the same period, indicating now, as never before in our history, that the city and the country are keeping even pace in development.

The Tacoma Ledger, which printed a deliberate lie about the German ship Gertrud striking on the Columbia bar, is very much worked up over the Oregonian's objection to such willful misrepresentation.

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such ascertainment of the Electors' apportionment and the same certificate in duplicate to the Electors before the day of meeting. These certificates are to be sent by the Electors to the Secretary of State at Washington along with the list of persons voted for President and Vice-President.

Already there is much uneasiness manifested among the people over the suggestion that war taxes shall be continued in order that \$2,000,000 a year may be turned over to mineowners, shipbuilders and other rich men, for the most part living in the East.

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